

A study of the assignment of chairmanships by Speaker Reed leads one to suspect that the speaker may be a candidate for president, and in making the assignments put the chairmanships where he thinks they will promote his candidacy the most. This in a sense may be legitimate politics, but perhaps the speaker has overdone it in the present case. Ohio and Indiana have a large percentage of strong men in their delegations in congress, but these states have also presidential candidates who will receive the undivided delegations of their states in the national convention.

It may have been a coincidence or an oversight, but the result is that Ohio got but one chairmanship and Indiana none. Mr. Reed has a candidate for president in Senator Davis, and it got no chairmanship. It is well known that an effort has been made to give Speaker Reed the New York delegation, and a part of the scheme was to delegate for Governor Morton for president with no expectation of making a fight for him, but to use him simply as a means of rallying the delegation for trading purposes, and New York got ten chairmanships. An effort is also being made by Quay to bring Pennsylvania to the support of the speaker, and that state has nine chairmanships. Illinois, of Iowa, is a candidate for president, and his only chance is to secure as a compromise position a point which probably neither Reed or McKinley expect will be reached, and the speaker throws down six chairmanships to Iowa, and he reaches for Illinois, which he evidently regards upon promise made as good recruiting ground with four chairmanships. The states that are for McKinley were all practically without recognition, while Oregon, which has only two congressmen, happens to favor the speaker for president, and it accidentally, perhaps, turns up with two chairmanships. New England has 26 Republican congressmen and Illinois has 21; but New England gets 11 chairmanships, while Illinois gets only 4. With all the promises made to him by Illinois politicians he seems to have more faith in New England than in Illinois and even more in Iowa than in Illinois as that state has six chairmanships to Illinois four.

The New England states and the Middle states have 91 Republican congressmen and have given 31 chairmanships while the Western states with 122 congressmen got only 20 chairmanships and half of these go to Illinois and Iowa alone. The South has 32 Republicans in congress to New England's 25 but the South was dismissed with two chairmanships while New England with six less Republicans in congress got 11. The entire Republican representation from the south got only 28 men chairmen as Oregon and that state with only two members in congress got twice as many chairmanships as Ohio and Indiana with 32 Republican members.

The following table shows the distribution of chairmanships by sections and the relation of chairmanships to the number of Republican members each state has in the House of Representatives:

NEW ENGLAND STATES.		
Members.	Chairmanships.	
Maine.....	4	4
New Hampshire.....	2	6
Vermont.....	2	6
Massachusetts.....	12	5
Rhode Island.....	2	6
Connecticut.....	4	9
Total.....	25	11
MIDDLE STATES.		
New York.....	29	10
New Jersey.....	8	1
Pennsylvania.....	27	2
Delaware.....	1	0
Total.....	65	13
WESTERN STATES.		
Ohio.....	19	1
Indiana.....	13	0
Illinois.....	21	4
Iowa.....	11	1
Michigan.....	12	2
Wisconsin.....	10	1
Minnesota.....	7	1
Kansas.....	7	0
Nebraska.....	5	0
North Dakota.....	1	0
South Dakota.....	2	0
California.....	6	2
Colorado.....	1	0
Montana.....	1	0
Idaho.....	1	0
Nevada.....	0	0
Oregon.....	2	2
Washington.....	2	0
Wyoming.....	1	0
Total.....	122	20
SOUTHERN STATES.		
Maryland.....	3	0
Virginia.....	1	0
West Virginia.....	4	0
North Carolina.....	4	1
South Carolina.....	0	0
Georgia.....	0	0
Florida.....	0	0
Louisiana.....	0	0
Alabama.....	0	0
Texas.....	1	0
Mississippi.....	0	0
Arkansas.....	0	0
Missouri.....	10	0
Tennessee.....	4	0
Kentucky.....	2	0
Total.....	32	1

The foregoing table shows that there are 36 states represented in congress by one or more Republican members in each of the delegations, and that there are 33 chairmanships. Only 17 of these 36 states were given chairmanships, and of those 17 states only 10 got more than one chairman; therefore 10 states got 46 out of the 53 chairmanships; and six of these 10 states got 38 out of the 46 and the other four got one-half of the 38.

A Madrid dispatch says a Cuban army of 4,000 have been defeated by the Spaniards and 100 killed. Later dispatches will probably put a different complexion on the result of the battle.

In 1892 a great many former so-called Republicans left the party as a matter of conscience and principle, so they said. The chances are that in 1896 there will be none whose consciences will trouble them along that line.

The Democrats will no doubt select St. Louis as the place to hold the next national convention. That is in order for it is about time for that party to begin camping again on the ground formerly occupied by Republicans.

When England gets through with the United States in the matter of the boundary claim on Venezuela the chances are they will not bother us further about the territory she is claiming from us west of the British possessions.

Taz proposition of the Republican leaders to increase the rate of duties without reference to protection, may be patriotic in view of an emergency, but they will discover inside of four years that it was mighty bad politics and cannot be defended as a matter of principle.

There will be no war; but that does not obliterate the fact that it would be better for the country if it passed through a war as a diversion from the general disposition to run into all sorts of issues and fads that are becoming so numerous and annoying both to church and state.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23, 1895.

Mr. Cleveland like many other over-sure men, did not know when to let well enough alone. He made the hit of his life when he sent that message in favor of the Monroe doctrine to congress. But he mistook the applause for the sentiments in the message for applause for himself, and in his egotism thought that because congress promptly adopted his recommendation for the appointment of a commission to ascertain the real boundary between British Guiana and Venezuela that it was ready to do anything else he wanted done. So he joined the British who were trying to punish the United States for daring to stand up for the Monroe doctrine by forcing us into a financial panic, and sent a special message to congress urging immediate financial legislation and asking that no Christmas recess be taken until some such legislation as retreating the greenbacks or authorizing an issue of gold bonds should have been put through.

In saying that it was Mr. Cleveland's egotism that caused him to write that financial message it is putting a very charitable construction upon his act. Others do not hesitate to say that he did it because he was rattled by the British attacks upon our finances and by a call which was issued by the New York Chamber of Commerce for a meeting to condemn the Monroe doctrine message. He is said to have sent a member of the cabinet to New York to prevent that meeting and his messenger is reported to have made a deal whereby the meeting was declared off and Mr. Cleveland's hysterical message was sent to Congress.

So far as Congress and the American people are concerned the message will do neither good nor harm. Congress will provide for the deficit with tariff legislation, but it will unquestionably do much harm to our interests in England. It will cause the British to think that Mr. Cleveland has become frightened and already regrets his belligerent message; and it will also encourage them to keep up their scheming to throw us into a financial panic. No possible good can be accomplished by Congress remaining in session during Christmas week, because even if the House had already passed the measure which will be reported from the Ways and Means committee, the Senate would not be prepared to act on it until its reorganization has been accomplished. The silver men in the Senate, who have an unquestioned majority, say nothing can pass that doesn't provide in some way for a more extended use of silver.

Admiral Meade, U. S. N., in a lecture on "The Carribean Sea" took occasion to say that he considered the superiority of the individual vessels of our navy an offset for the excess of vessels in the British Navy which was sufficient to prevent any fear on our part of a contest. He also said: "I am no prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I predict here to-night that should war between the United States and Great Britain come, the first shot fired in anger will sound the death-knell of the British Empire."

Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, in introducing a bill for the restoration of the duty on wool, took occasion to notify the senate that he would offer the bill as an amendment to any tariff bill that might be reported from the finance committee. But the general belief is that Senator Mitchell will not be put to that trouble, because any bill amending the tariff that is reported is likely to provide for a duty on wool.

Republicans have claimed ever since the result of the election was known that the election of a Republican successor to Senator Blackburn by the Kentucky legislature was a certainty, and now Kentucky Democrats openly admit the claim and acknowledge that they have no show, even with the votes of the two Populists.

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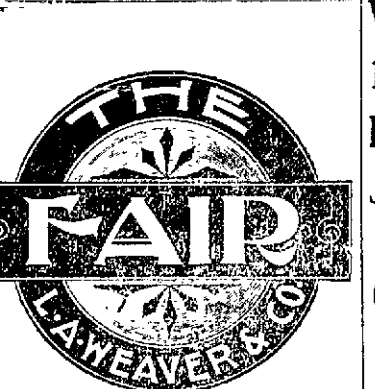
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David and of the tribe of Judah, and they called His name Jesus. And that was 1505 years past, but the event was not forgotten. It became known to the whole world, and forever the name will be honored, cherished, loved. And that event it was long after that He was the Son of God, and the only begotten Son of the Most High.

Joseph was a carpenter and worked very hard at his trade. He married Mary, the little mother, and she became his loyal, loving wife. And the child grew and waxed strong. He did not know His father. He called Joseph His father, and He learned to work at the trade. He helped Joseph in many ways, and sharpened his tools for him, and made implements and helped build houses. But all the while Mary was praying for manifestations of proof of His divine origin. More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of, and she did not herself come to see great manifestations were to come in answer to her prayers. She only hoped and prayed.

Only a little boy, but when He was 12 years of age, the shackles of human infirmity fell from Him, and His eyes were opened to His condition. In and through Him were being worked the great problem and plan of salvation for all mankind. And I never stop to think of the revelation that must have stunned that mortal brain of the poor little boy, who had supposed Himself the carpenter's son, until the veil was lifted before Him, and He saw into the body of holies, and realized that He was not as other men, but that He was God. Understand that He was only a little boy, and I never thought of Him as a first-born little boy; but He was so fashioned for the work before Him, and accepted the ordeals as they came.

Only a little town, only a little estate, only a little manger, only a little mother, only a little boy, only a little star, only you and I not celebrating with mirth and joy that event of the long ago, and all around the world the people are making holiday and gayety, because

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dining-room table, and those who love them make provision over night for their good cheer on Christmas morning. Some of the little ones write letters to Santa Claus, but not always to their own children, cannot always bring what the children want. But there is always something provided for the children on Christmas day.

There are three little children in the white house, and they will have a great Christmas day. One of them is about six years old, another one is two years old, and another one is only a few months old. They will have plenty of presents, for their papa can get many things from Santa Claus, because he is president of the United States. But their papa does not love them any better than any poor man loves his children. Their mamma cannot love them any more than the mamma of poor people. But there is love in the white house, just as there is love in your home; and the same spirit of joy exists there that exists in all homes, because the little mother in the little manger gave to us all her Son, who was also the Son of God, so many years ago in Bethlehem.

I hope that all the children who read this letter, or who hear it read, will take an interest in the story of the poor little mother and the poor little boy, baby, and learn to understand that all of our happiness and liberty and hope have come from the fact that so long ago in the little stable, in the little manger, in the little town of Bethlehem, there was born a Saviour of the whole world; and that we are to celebrate Christmas day, and have such good times on that great children's day. And moreover, every little boy and every little girl who enjoys Christmas must realize that we are made happy by because when the little Son of the little mother became a man. He went to the cross, that is, that He died, that always increases our happiness if we go about doing good, and trying to make others about us as happy as we can.

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SURPRISE ASSAULT.

Judge Race Knocked Down by Rufus Braden, on Wood Street.

It Was a Mistake—Braden Arrested and Fined \$5 and Costs by Justice Odor.

Judge Race was in the act of entering the Linn & Scroggs dry goods store on Wood street last evening at about 8 o'clock, when Rufus Braden rushed up and landed two hard blows on his head, the first blow staggering him, and the second blow causing him to fall down upon the muddy pavement. A crowd gathered quickly and Braden disappeared, passing rapidly down South Water street. The assault was a complete surprise to Mr. Race, who had no time to defend himself. There were no words exchanged.

It appears that a short time before the assault, Judge Race, who is a retired merchant and is the owner of valuable land, was on his way to the Linn & Scroggs store, when he happened to meet Mrs. Braden at the corner of Water and East Main streets. A relative of the Bradens is a tenant on one of the Race farms, and the Judge was acquainted with Mrs. Braden. The Race tenant leaves milk at the Rufus Braden restaurant on East Main street, and the Judge had previously left word at the restaurant to the effect that he wanted to see the man. When he saw Mrs. Braden he inquired about his tenant and walked along the street with her. The Judge remarked that he was going to the L. & S. store and Mrs. Braden said she was also going there, and both passed on down the street to the store. Mrs. Braden had passed into the store before the Judge was assaulted, and knew nothing of what had transpired until after the blows had been struck.

It is stated that Braden is decidedly jealous of his wife, and watches her closely whenever she goes out for a walk. Only a few days ago Braden struck a man who had just alighted from a street car in company with his (Braden's) wife, but there was no arrest.

Judge Race after the assault repaired to police headquarters and lodged complaint against Braden whom the officers last night failed to locate. Mr. Race cannot account for Braden's singular conduct and vicious attack except on the theory that he is insanely jealous, and would have struck any other man just as quickly had he been seen with the woman.

Mr. Race was not seriously injured. He is about town to-day the same as usual.

SETTLED IN COURT—EXPLANATION. There was no trouble in locating Mr. Braden this forenoon. Officer Williams found him, and at noon Judge Race went before Justice Odor and swore out the warrant charging assault. Mr. Braden was fined \$5 and costs, which he paid, but before the fine was imposed he made a statement showing conclusively that his attack upon Judge Race was wholly a mistake. He thought that Judge Race was an entirely different

person with whom he had previously had trouble.

Mr. Braden said in substance: "I was on Water street last evening when I saw my wife pass down the walk with a man. I did not know the man was Judge Race. I thought he was another man, but I thought I would wait until they got under the electric light at the Wood street corner, but the umbrellas were in the way. I was blind with rage, and struck the Judge twice. He fell and then I saw who it was. All anger left me at once, and I picked up the judge's hat and handed it to him before I thought about being arrested and locked up. Then I left the scene. I had never been arrested or locked up, and I went away. The man I thought the judge to be is about his size. I thought the judge was the man. I would not have struck a blow had I known the man was Judge Race. I have no ill feeling against him, and no suspicious of wrong as to him. I have always considered Judge Race a gentleman. I am sorry I struck him, and ask his forgiveness. He has been at my restaurant at intervals and he has always been welcome. Would be pleased to have him come oftener. I have had some trouble with another man and my wife. It is not necessary to give the man's name."

That was the end of the affair. Judge Race was in the court room and heard Braden's statement. He accepted Braden's apology and had a talk with him as to conversations he had had with Mr. Braden as to the delivery of milk by his tenant and also referred to the fact that he had left word at the restaurant for the tenant to come and see him. Mr. Braden corroborated all of Mr. Race's statements, and the parties left the court room.

THE REPUBLICAN will not be issued Christmas day.

Anger at an Editor Costs \$150. BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Dec. 23.—Judge Meyers to-day fined W. W. Marmon \$150 and costs for assault with a deadly weapon. Marmon, who is a leading young business man, took offense at a publication regarding a friend by the Sunday Eye and in attempting to compel a retraction drew a revolver on the editor, Geo. L. Hutchins.

Editor Hutchins is a cousin of Walter Hutchins, the shoe dealer of this city. It is a dull season when George does not have a scrap of some kind.

Again a P. O.

The postoffice at Troutman, discontinued several months ago because no one could be found who was willing to shoulder the arduous duties of the office, is to be opened again and the name will be changed to Wyckles. H. Munson has consented to take the position of postmaster, though the postoffice will be kept by Miss Sarah Miller.

Marriage Licenses. Charles S. Garriott, Sae City, Iowa... 30 Carrie E. Hadley, Austin township... 19 Luther M. Burrows, Maroa... 39 Anna Hall, Maroa... 29 Luther T. Travis, Long Creek... 25 Beatrice Bradley, Long Creek... 19

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The President Loves to Fish And eat "FRIENDS' OATS" for breakfast

PLACED IN THE VAULT.

Funeral Services Over the Remains of the Late M. Stutzenberger.

The remains of the late M. Stutzenberger arrived in the city to-day at noon from Texas, accompanied by the widow and other relatives. The body was at once taken to the late residence of the deceased, No. 450 North College street, where the funeral services were conducted this afternoon. Rev. F. C. Atkin, of the Episcopal church, was in charge of the services and the residence was crowded to overflowing by the large number of friends and relatives in attendance. The floral offerings were many and very beautiful. The remains were placed in the Bullard vault to await the conclusion of the family as to his final resting place. The honorary pallbearers were Daniel Linthicum, of Defiance, Ohio; S. W. Johns, A. H. Landers, J. M. Stewart, F. L. Carter and Frank M. Caldwell. The active pallbearers were H. R. Maris, Robert Clark, Frank Patterson, J. M. Hughes, Jerry P. Nicholson and Charles H. Walters.

Opera Company Arrested. DANVILLE, Ill., Dec. 23.—During the first act of the Carrie Russell Opera company, at the Grand Opera house to-night, Capt. Frank Laird and Policemen Vance and Huff marched on the stage and arrested the entire company. The charge was preferred by Mayor William Runyan and City Attorney George P. Reardon. The people were escorted to the station house where Manager Heinley went on their bail bond.

County Court. In the county court to-day Frank M. Williams confessed judgment in favor of J. C. Hostetler for \$112.73.

F. W. Caldwell vs. R. M. McCoy, judgment in favor of plaintiff for \$157.90.

The jury was excused until Thursday next at 10 a. m.

West's Drug Store will be open all day Christmas day.

The State of Utah. The president will issue his proclamation January 4 admitting Utah to the Union. The legislature will at once elect two United States Senators to represent the State in the Senate, and on July 4th another star will be placed on the flag, making 45 in all.

The Court. Judge Vail will probably see the finish of the Rose vs. Rose divorce case to-night. He will then adjourn court for the term.

A Solo. Miss May Kimber will sing "Ring Out Wild Bells"—Gounod, Christmas morning at St. John's church.

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MARRIED AT ATWOOD.

Charles S. Traver and Miss Eleanor Gross Wedded.

Charles S. Traver, only son of Mr. and Mrs. William Traver, and Miss Eleanor Gross were united in marriage this afternoon at 1 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Gross in Atwood. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Penhallegon of the First Presbyterian church of this city. The couple were attended by Robert Bercher of Macouly and Miss Mabel Coddington of Atwood. Following the ceremony an elaborate dinner was served to the assembled guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Traver left on the noon train for an extended trip, for through Pennsylvania and other states. They expect to return about February 1st and will be at home to their friends at No. 411 West State Avenue.

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Officers Elected. Olive Branch Camp No. 218, Good Neighbors of America, auxiliary to the Woodman, at their regular meeting last evening in I. O. O. F. hall, elected the following officers for the coming year:

Orator—Mrs. Alice F. Burge. Vice Orator—Mrs. Alice F. Burge. Recorder—Mrs. Elizabeth Stone. Treasurer—Mrs. Ella Zimmerman. Marshal—Miss Nora Martin. Junior Sentinel—Mrs. Myrtle Henderson. Junior Sentinel—Mrs. Sarah Lewis. Deputy Marshal—Miss Ida M. West. Past Orator—Mrs. Mary Martin. Manager for Three Years—Mrs. Margaret Rye.

Examining Physicians. Dr. H. H. Clark and Dr. Howard Wood.

Representative to Head Camp at a meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, next day. Mrs. Lydia Stafford.

Mrs. Lizzie Grief, Deputy State Organizer, was selected to organize and drill a permanent degree staff.

Olive Branch Camp was organized the fifth of this month with 30 members. They now have sixty members and ten to fifteen applications for next meeting. This is an established and safe beneficiary order for Woodmen and ladies who are in any way related to a Woodman.

Wife.—Here's an account of a wife who shot herself rather than suffer the pangs of indigestion. Husband, a fool! Why didn't he take Dr. Williams' Little Early Riser? I used to suffer as bad as he did before I commenced taking these little pills. West's drug store.

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